

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 509**

February 5, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes boards of certain utilities to meet electronically and receive per diem.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-108, members of certain governing bodies are authorized to meet electronically if a physical quorum is present at the meeting location, except in certain circumstances. Members who participate electronically are not eligible to receive per diem.
- The proposed language authorizes board members of utility districts and water, wastewater, and natural gas utility authorities to meet electronically and receive per diem.
- It is reasonably assumed that such members will receive the same rate of per diem when participating electronically as they receive when physically present; therefore, any decrease in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- Authorizing such board members to participate in meetings electronically will not result in any impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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